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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - BOARD REQUESTED REPORT ON DHS

PHYSICIAN TIMEKEEPING PROTOCOLS, CONTRACTED PHYSICIAN OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATION OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

(Board Agenda Item 85-A, August 30, 2005)

At the August 30, 2005 meeting, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller to review the Department of Health Services' (DHS) implementation of the recommendations from our August 19, 2005 report on Physician Timekeeping Protocols, Contracted Physician Oversight and Outside Employment. We were also instructed to work with DHS' Audit and Compliance Division and the Director of Personnel to determine whether there were any improprieties at the DHS facilities and to expedite disciplinary action on any cases.

We expect to complete our review and issue our report to your Board by November 1, 2005. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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